

OLL PCC Minutes

March 21 2022

Present: Chris Roy (Chair), Barnabas, Pat, Craig, Steve, Tom, Beverley

Apologies: Suzy, Maria

Item 3: Well-being of the Parish

Linked to the recent Synod process which looked to the Church to listen more closely to the laity, focussing especially upon pastoral and spiritual matters, Barnabas proposed that finance and fabric issues should be dealt with outside of normal PCC meetings. **This was agreed.** Finance reports will normally only be provided to PCC for the AGM.

It was noted that the Diocese has provided a new Implementation Guide for PCs and the committee looked at the suggested 'Planning Ahead' list contained in it. This interesting list will be considered at a future PCC meeting.

Item 4: Mission Week update

Pat provided a report (se below):

Mission Week

Since the ^{last} PCC meeting, Fr Barnabas, Julian and I have had a Zoom call with Michelle Moran of the Sion Community who has a lot of experience in running this type of event. She listened carefully to our plan, and immediately said that based on a weekly attendance of approximately 50 people at Mass, what we were originally proposing was too ambitious. She said that we should expect that only a third of the number who attend mass would be interested in attending the talks, and that therefore we should probably consider running talks and events every other day. She said that it was fundamentally important for the parish to be informed at an early stage of the plan.

Michelle suggested that the best way to engage the parish in the plan would be to hold three events in the run up to Mission Week. For example a Parish Breakfast, A parish Sunday Lunch, or a Beautiful Tea Party. There could be a speaker at each of these events to give a focus to the occasion. There also need to be regular reminders for the parish, both in the newsletter and from the front of the church.

Michelle and Peter Moran have agreed to attend, and speak at our "Team Meeting" on Wednesday 6th April 2022. At this meeting Michelle will explain fully what she feels would be the best way forward for our parish. Julian has suggested to Sion that perhaps their Community Team would like to run the whole Mission Week, as they have all the experience and expertise.

It was noted that a new structure for the Week will appear shortly following discussion with the Sion Community. It was also noted that a budget for the event has already been allocated and the team were asked to ensure that they remain within this figure.

The point was strongly made that there is a need to have a follow-through plan for after the Mission week; and that this ties in closely with communication needs of the parish.

Item 5: Live Streaming report

Again Pat provided substantial detail. There was some discussion over the fact that costs have increased but it was felt that the investment was worthwhile. Once again, however, it was proposed that the team looking at the installation, linked as it is to the Autumn Mission, should also look at how the expensive equipment will be used thereafter.

Item 6: Using the Parish Office area and rooms for housing Ukrainian refugees.

This was discussed. It was felt that the services which could be provided were inadequate for substantial use and that the parish office would impinge on its use. If there is future desperate need the matter could be looked at again.

Item 7: Communication

Tom raised the need for much better parish communication. All agreed on this, especially the importance of using the wide range of communication methods to get messages across to parishioners. It was also felt that short verbal messages after regular services would be especially effective...though brevity was crucial here.

Item9: Need for more PCC members

This is a regular problem. **It was decided** that a personal approach would be made by each PCC member to identified 'targets' in the hope that a few might be persuaded to join!

AOB

- The noticeboard at the back of church will be reorganised, removing out-of-date items.
- PCC members were asked to pass on information about anyone in hospital to Julian Dowle who is a regular visitor on our behalf.

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